GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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REVAMPING OF A.I. AND I.A.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Govenment to revamp Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether the Government had received any request from the Ministry of Tourism to encourage more and more air services from India to foreign countries and vice-versa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the flights of Air India/Indian Airlines and the number of passengers travelled by Air India and Indian Airlines, the income generated through it in the last three years;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Air India and Indian Airlines have Air India has taken following steps to revamp its financial performance:-
AIR INDIA

(i) Marketing efforts have been stepped up to generate additional revenue; (ii) Network rationalization and consolidation with emphasis placed on route profitability; (iii) Reduction in expenditure on outside repairs of aircraft by undertaking more in-house repairs; (iv) Several posts of India based officers abroad have been abolished; (v) Rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years.

INDIAN AIRLLINES

(i) Increased utilisation of aircraft; (ii) Deployment of capacity on the criteria of economics and traffic demand; (iii) Marketing initiatives; (iv) Improvement in customer services (v) Rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years.

(b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism have requested for increase of international operations to and from India.

d) Details of the international flights of passengers carried and the revenue earned by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years is as under:-

	Year	No. of flights	No. of pax	Revenue (in crores)
Air India	96-97	6320	2910556	2554.00
	97-98	6188	2933117	2745.06
	98-99	6136	3041201	2907.40
Indian Airlines	96-97	9262	960000	620.27
	97-98	10816	1110000	805.61
	98-99	11821	1160000	880.00